

# 2022-2023

## Annual Report

2022 | 2023



151

NEW HOUSEHOLDS

↑ 3.4%

2529

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

↑ 3.8%



417

NEW MEMBERS

8095

TOTAL MEMBERS

↑ 3.7%

September 2023

Beloved,

This September marks five full years as pastor at St. Dominic Catholic Parish. This last year has seen the fruit of the main mission of our parish: to seek, know, and become Christ, each for the sake of all. At St. Dominic we are a family, and as you can see when you attend Mass, we come to worship as family. It is in the context of this family spirit that we offer the making of a counter-culture to our present world which we call "The Way."

We invite every member of St. Dominic to pray with others and offer your faith story as a means of expressing your love of Jesus and his impact in your life today. We Catholics believe in a country whose truth and rights are derived from God. Without that foundational belief, we find ourselves talking to each other in different languages. It is important that we foster that Christ-centered foundation. We challenge and invite today's culture of lost souls to find hope in the Catholic faith. At St. Dominic we do this with excellence in Catholic education and formation of all ages.

We invite you to stretch your faith and follow the "The Way." We have fortified our formation ministries with an excellent team who are nurturing our culture of Intentional Discipleship. Every one of our staff and our parish leadership are poised to be disciples of Jesus. I ask you to do the same.

We offer a welcoming place for everyone to worship. We have a parish that cares. Whether you have been here since you were young or just joined this year, you matter to us. We welcome you to share your Jesus journey with us. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Blessings.

*Father Dennis Saran*

Pastor



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# Missionary Discipleship

## THE WAY

We introduced *The Way* as how we, as a community, can approach the change in our culture away from Christianity. It requires that we live out our call to discipleship in the unique way for which we were created, engaging the world with Christ as the center of our lives. The Way includes prayer, study, and action.

As a leadership team, we worked on initiatives to help our community understand what it means to be a disciple and take the next step on that journey of a lifetime.

We invite you to MISSION.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We were intentional in forming and equipping members for leadership roles in ministries. Three Formation Leader Enrichment Nights offered opportunities for prayer, formation, and community for leaders in formation, liturgical ministries and human concerns.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

We added 15 trained missionary disciples who went through the 12-week Missionary Discipleship Training in order to learn how to take their personal relationship with Jesus out into the world. We have 55 members trained for missionary discipleship.

## CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Fifty adults learned about their charisms, the special gifts given to them by God for building His Kingdom, in order to better understand their purpose in God's plan and His will for their life. The workshop will be offered regularly.

## SMALL GROUPS

Over 100 people dived deeper into scripture by participating in a Lenten or Advent Gospel Group. The Women at the Well Bible Study group is at full capacity. This strong community began ministering to each other and finding ways to serve the parish.

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

The Discipleship Commission embraced and championed *The Way* at St. Dominic. All members were encouraged to do three things:

1. Make Christ the center of their life through prayer, including praying with others not just for others.
2. Introduce yourself to others so that the faces you recognize will start to have names.
3. Participate in the opportunities offered at St. Dominic to build confidence in your ability to engage in the world for Jesus Christ.

## NEW MEMBER MENTOR PROGRAM

Capitalizing on our already welcoming community, we launched a new parishioners mentor program. Every new member/new family will be partnered with an established member/family to welcome and accompany them into our St. Dominic family.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION

Generosity to the Tuition Assistance Fund in 2022-2023 will support 17 students in 2023-2024 with a St. Dominic Catholic School education. Investing in a child's Catholic education lays their foundation for a life in Christ. In support of making Catholic education and formation affordable, for the 6th straight year, there was no increase in school tuition for the 2022-2023 school year.



# Seek

"Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!" ~ 1 Chronicles 16:10

Through prayer and the sacraments we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to empower our lives for Christ.

## PRAYER

The Prayer Team Ministry expanded to offer intentional prayer after all weekend Masses. Various prayer services were offered throughout the year including Mary's Way of the Cross, St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing, May Crowning, and Stations of the Cross. A communal Holy Rosary was prayed on Wednesday and Friday.

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|----|--------------------------|
| 80 | Baptisms                 |
| 78 | First Communicants       |
| 55 | Received Confirmation    |
| 19 | Marriages                |
| 2  | Marriage Convalidations  |
| 12 | Received into the Church |
| 5  | Adult Confirmations      |
| 60 | Funerals                 |



## THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

After a two year absence, the Precious Blood was reintroduced at Masses beginning on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Many parishioners eagerly anticipated receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through both species.

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- Home Communion visits numbered 37 per week and nursing homes 77 per week.
- We celebrated the ordination to the priesthood of our seminarian Alex Kren, and the ordination to the permanent diaconate of Jeff Kucharski.
- A Lenten Day of Reconciliation and extended confession times were offered.
- A Mass of Remembrance celebrated the lives of those who have gone before us.
- Monthly Senior Masses and programs for 120 members provided an opportunity to pray with and for each other and build community by sharing their stories.
- Sunday Night Mass continues to grow. A "band" of instrumentalists and singers were added to the music ministry of this teen-led Mass.
- Two bus trips, to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in Indiana and Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion, Wisconsin, offered time for prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Why Bereavement? This is the common question I hear when I tell people about how I serve the community at St Dominic. It is because I have the opportunity to be a channel for Christ's compassionate and loving heart to dispel the dark and gloomy storm of grief. Loss without faith is insufferable. Through bereavement we listen to the special stories of our beloved ones. We experience the unique love, value, and sense of loss we all experience when we lose someone we love. Sadness is balanced by gratitude. The gaping hole of loneliness is filled with the hope of the Resurrection. This has been a perfect outlet for me since I retired from my medical practice 5 years ago. It is a chance for healing and compassionate caregiving. I am very blessed to share this caregiving with all the members of our bereavement support group at St Dominic.

Jim Cunningham



# Know

"I count all things as a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ!" ~*Philippians 3:8*

As a community, we encourage each other's growth in the habits of discipleship and the deepening of each other's relationship with Christ.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fr. Tim led 14 young adults on the Wisconsin Way Pilgrimage, walking with Jesus and praying with Mary for 140 miles over 9 days. Young Adult Game Nights expanded to monthly opportunities for young adults to connect with one another and have fun. 62 Finals Fun Packs were sent to our college-aged members

## DISCIPLESHIP AND FORMATION DIRECTOR

We welcomed Jill Fischer as Director of Discipleship and Formation. Her role is to coordinate all of the formation programs from "womb to tomb," including the school, to form and equip disciples. She works closely with Pastoral Council and the Discipleship Commission to support their work in living out the mission of the parish.

## ADULT MINISTRY

- The 9th year of That Man is You focused on the theme "The Light of Men," helping men become a light to their family and the world.
- Women of Grace events averaged 200 women in attendance, providing a safe place for women to grow in discipleship as well as relationship with one another.
- Special offerings for adults included These Sacred Mysteries, Theology of the Body, The Chosen-Seasons 1-3, a Jewish Shabbat during Lent, and Advent Reflection Nights.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

- About 60 Life Teen students, lead by a strong set of high school seniors and adults, gained a deeper appreciation of what it means to live as disciples of Christ.
- About 100 middle school students were inspired to grow in their relationship with Christ through EDGE and Emmaus Small Group.
- 6 students served the local community through the Love Begins Here Mission and 9 attended Edge/Life Teen Camps.

## CHILD MINISTRY

- Family Nights were offered quarterly to help build the Domestic Church, connecting and uniting us in prayer, communion, and faith.
- Child Ministry Classes served 193 students in Kairos through grade 5 classes. We welcomed 15 new catechists and classroom helpers.
- Vacation Bible School helped 88 children learn more about how big God really is and how much he does for us each and every day.
- CLOW was back for the entire school year helping children understand the Gospel.



Hi! I'm Emily, and I'm a junior at Brookfield East High School. I've been a part of Life Teen for the last two years, and I was fortunate enough to go to Life Teen Covecrest Camp this summer. I'm looking forward to being confirmed this year. Life Teen has been a really amazing experience and allowed me to deepen my relationship with Jesus. In Life Teen, I have grown in my faith in ways I didn't even know were possible and experienced Jesus in others and in prayer. I've also made several awesome friendships along the way. Camp this summer was absolutely incredible, and I was able to experience God's presence in ways I never had before. I had a ton of fun getting covered head-to-toe in mud and whitewater rafting, but I actually found that I enjoyed the praise and worship, adoration, and Mass even more. I saw the importance of the Eucharist in a way I had never really understood before. Showing up to Life Teen a few times freshman year has led to so much more than I ever anticipated, and I would highly recommend that other teens come try it out!

**Emily Enright** (Back row, 2nd from right)



# Become

"Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." ~Ephesians 4:24

Entering into the lives of others, we humbly offer ourselves in loving service in imitation of Christ.



## OUTREACH

**Lenten Outreach:** More than 200 people served Mother of Good Counsel Parish over 3 project days. Child Ministry offered their annual Bake Sale in support of our Lenten Outreach. Total monetary donations collected: \$44,244.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 42 home visits were conducted to the poor and needy. 387 people were served through other in-person assistance. Conference members performed 2,145 hours of service.

**Collections:** Milwaukee Homeless Veterans, Capuchin Holiday Meals Program, Knights of Columbus Baby Items, Dismas Jail Ministry Coat Drive, SVdP Back to School Supplies Drive, and food collections supported local charities.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Called to Serve Ministry:** This ministry helps members in need and prays with those they serve. The ministry team began reaching out to serve diocesan needs including Bahkita House and Catholic Charities.

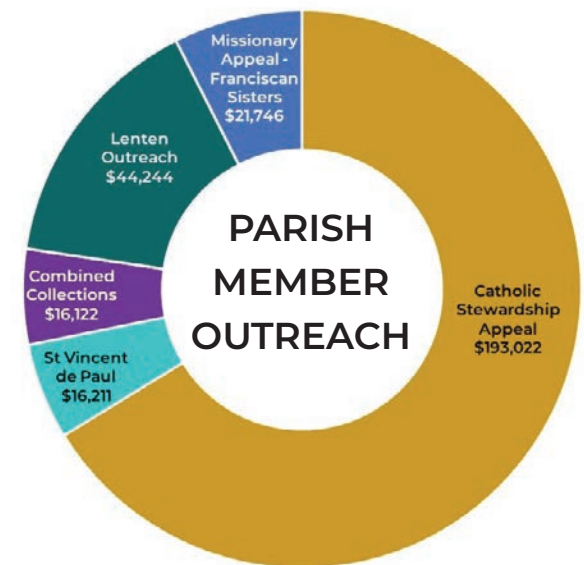
**Bereavement:** Various events helped those struggling with loss find ways to care for themselves and honor loved ones who have died.

## Funeral Ministry and Funeral Luncheons:

The Funeral Ministry assists families at the funeral of their loved one. Funeral Luncheon team members serve families as they gather in their loss. Many team members have lost loved ones and feel called to serve and walk with others.

## CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Through the generosity of our parish family, St. Dominic Catholic Parish continues to exceed our goal set by the Archdiocese. The appeal serves families, strengthens parishes, supports schools, and helps form priests and parish leaders.



## PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

### School

The upper elementary wing (2nd-5th grade classrooms and hallway) were abated. New floors and countertops were installed and cabinetry was refreshed.

4 Smart boards were replaced with interactive flat panel displays.

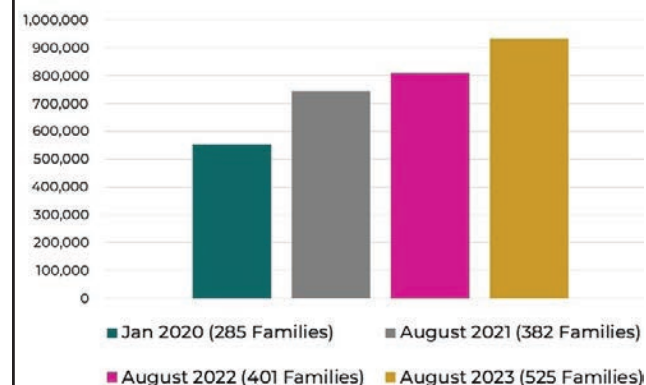
### Parish Center

A new front entry with security access and improved front office space utilization was completed

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

St Dominic participated in the Archdiocesan LOA campaign in the spring of 2023. We targeted projects such as completing the parking lot paving and school upgrades, both of which have begun. While the final pledge number is still being determined, we anticipate pledges for the 5-year campaign being close to \$5 million. St Dominic splits the proceeds with the Archdiocese. Our share is anticipated to approach \$3 million presuming pledges are met.

## ONLINE GIVING ANNUALIZED



## ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Welcome:** We welcomed Mr. Francis Dempsey as our new principal.

**Enrollment 2022-2023:** We ended the year 411 Knights strong, graduated 39 of our students to be Knights for Christ in the world, and welcomed 46 new families.

**Test Scores:** ITBS and MAP data demonstrate that our students continue to perform above the norm grade level. All students identified for support received it and made gains.

**Knights Move Olympics:** This major school fundraiser focused on demonstrating academic prowess, service to community, physical stamina, and spiritual development. Net proceeds were over \$37,500.

**Athletics:** Over 800 children participated in St. Dominic sports teams and special events: volleyball, basketball, track & field, tennis, Knightball, VolleyKnights, and Summer T-ball/Coach Pitch.



Over the years, we have participated in many of the opportunities offered at St Dominic Catholic Parish including Women of Grace, Small Group Scripture Study, and the Called and Gifted Workshop. As our son Nick entered his middle school years, he was introduced to EDGE and Emmaus, a ministry geared towards engaging middle school students. Although Nick participated in some EDGE events, he was particularly drawn to Emmaus, which offered small group bible study and small group discussion. Nick actively sought out attending Emmaus and met students from other schools, forging strong relationships with his fellow peers. Through Emmaus he made the decision to attend Camp Hidden Lake which facilitates an encounter with Christ and growing in discipleship. Through these adventures, Nick has explored and developed his faith and we have watched him grow and develop into a young man with a strong faith foundation.

**Mike, Chris & Nick Derra**

# Fiscal Year Financial Report

Year Ending June 30, 2023

## FINANCIAL NOTES

Mid-year we moved to modified Cash Basis Accounting to align with Archdiocese Financial Norms. This means that the FY23 profit reflects income that in years past would have been deferred to the following fiscal year.

We combined child ministry, student ministry, and adult ministry into a single "Formation" department. We've invested heavily in expanded programs and resources, while lowering or eliminating fees charged to participants.

Outreach/Collections for Others will no longer be recognized as St. Dominic income. These donations are pass-through funds that we collect on behalf of and remit to other charitable organizations. These collections are part of our mission, but are not St. Dominic revenue.

## 2022 DOMINIC DAYS FESTIVAL RESULTS

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Raffle Sales               | \$ 63,624        |
| Raffle Prizes              | (26,798)         |
| Sponsorships               | 56,170           |
| Beer & Wine                | 70,186           |
| Food                       | 63,436           |
| Cost of Food & Beverages   | (63,057)         |
| Tents, Tables, Chairs, Bar | (18,428)         |
| Entertainment              | (20,450)         |
| Rides                      | 13,886           |
| Other costs                | (38,021)         |
| Car Show—Net               | 11,461           |
| Golf Outing—Net            | 5,136            |
| Kids Games—Net             | 4,342            |
| Steeplechase Run/Walk—Net  | (182)            |
| <b>Net Proceeds</b>        | <b>\$121,668</b> |

## OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

| REVENUES by Department                  | ACTUAL<br>FY2022   | ACTUAL<br>FY2023   | BUDGET<br>FY2024   |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Liturgy & Music                         | 27,266             | 27,169             | 20,000             |
| Formation (Child/Student/Adult)         | 62,046             | 54,117             | 67,875             |
| School: Tuition & Fees                  | 1,480,568          | 1,553,375          | 1,520,000          |
| School: Other                           | 214,043            | 38,960             | 51,500             |
| Extended Care                           | 123,325            | 137,873            | 136,945            |
| Lunch Program                           | 103,730            | 127,280            | 138,035            |
| Pastoral Ministry                       | 5,049              | 4,066              | 2,500              |
| Outreach/Collections for Others         | 171,527            | 41,404             | -                  |
| Administration: Stewardship & Offertory | 2,370,640          | 2,421,930          | 2,442,033          |
| Administration: Other                   | 352,558            | 243,631            | 376,576            |
| Facilities                              | 107,877            | 93,354             | 80,500             |
| Home & School Association               | 73,050             | 64,242             | 71,070             |
| Athletics & Programs                    | 83,238             | 109,164            | 118,450            |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                   | <b>\$5,174,917</b> | <b>\$4,916,566</b> | <b>\$5,025,484</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                         |                    |                    |                    |
| Liturgy & Music                         | 152,807            | 144,704            | 171,238            |
| Formation (Child/Student/Adult)         | 321,369            | 384,560            | 474,791            |
| School                                  | 2,439,908          | 2,370,305          | 2,654,657          |
| Extended Care                           | 136,566            | 156,481            | 174,221            |
| Lunch Program                           | 111,029            | 145,490            | 129,352            |
| Pastoral Ministry                       | 94,688             | 92,685             | 103,164            |
| Outreach Expenses to Operations         | 15,093             | 38,757             | -                  |
| Clergy/Rectory                          | 201,069            | 204,410            | 200,874            |
| Administration                          | 529,687            | 548,494            | 613,144            |
| Technology                              | 13,171             | 12,171             | 18,450             |
| Marketing                               | 90,086             | 85,309             | 108,925            |
| Building & Grounds                      | 146,737            | 165,525            | 140,894            |
| Facilities                              | 40,906             | 36,665             | 41,640             |
| Home & School                           | 56,244             | 29,099             | 71,070             |
| Athletics                               | 102,172            | 103,490            | 118,450            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | <b>\$4,451,532</b> | <b>\$4,518,145</b> | <b>\$5,020,869</b> |
| <b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>          | <b>\$ 723,385</b>  | <b>\$ 398,421</b>  | <b>\$ 4,615</b>    |
| Designated Unrestricted Funds:          | -                  |                    |                    |
| Home & School and Athletics             | (2,128)            | 40,817             | -                  |
| Other Designated Reserves               | 302,802            | 221,005            | -                  |
| Bequests Received                       | 150,752            | -                  | -                  |
| Gala & Festival                         | 320,793            | 121,624            | -                  |
| Capital Improvements                    | (48,834)           | 14,975             | -                  |
| <b>Total Designated</b>                 | <b>\$ 723,385</b>  | <b>\$ 398,421</b>  | <b>-</b>           |



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## Casting our Vision—The Year Ahead

**Vision and Values:** Develop, introduce, and promote a parish vision statement and core values to accompany our mission statement. A vision statement clarifies the parish culture we desire, provides a unifying, inspiring, and guiding picture of our parish that enables the setting of goals and objectives that align with it. Core Values support our vision and reflect our mission, driving our culture and priorities.

**Tuesday Time-Outs:** Offer a monthly time-out topic for adults to build their relationship with Jesus, learn more about our faith, and meet other members seeking to grow in discipleship.

**Ministry Leader Impact Day:** Provide a retreat day with a guest speaker to feed and energize disciples in their ministry work for the year ahead.

**Bereavement:** Offer “Mourning with You,” Scripture-based monthly bereavement support.

**School:** Research and pursue a grant for new playground equipment.

**Facilities and Grounds:** Provide an enhanced listening experience in church for those with hearing challenges by installing a transmitter that can be accessed via a smart-device. Through a grant, increase safety and security by installing new parking lot lighting, internal cameras in the school and Marcy Center, and additional fobbed doors.

**Love One Another Projects:** Repave the south and north parking lots and access road. Complete installation and upgrade of a HVAC control system in the school and complete updates to the school halls and restrooms.

**The Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic:** Provide improved drainage, lighting, and benches in the Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic.

Being a member of  
St. Dominic Catholic Parish  
means giving of ourselves  
without counting the cost.  
It means responding to  
needs in proportion to  
what we possess.

Materials are coming soon  
for your opportunity to  
commit to Christ and our  
mission at St. Dominic  
Catholic Parish: *to seek  
Christ, know Christ  
and become Christ,  
each one for the sake of  
all.*

*Annual  
Stewardship  
Commitment  
Weekend*

